PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Ninety-ninth Annual Session

OF THE

Union Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
October 9-10, 1919

OFFICERS.

Moderator—L. L. Posey.....Fayette, Miss.
Clerk—W. W. Furr.....Allen, Miss.
Treasurer—C. L. Young.....Violet, Miss.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. R. Young, Martin Church, Patterson.
S. G. Pope, Hermanville Church, Hermanville.
W. H. James, Pleasant Hill, Allen.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1920.

Place of Meeting—Antioch Church.
Time of Meeting—Friday before the second Sunday in October 1920.
Associational Sermon—S. R. Young.
Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—S. G. Pope.
Alternate—L. L. Posey.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—L. L. Posey.
Orphanage—D. W. Clark.
Sunday Schools—J. C. Bufkin.
Christian Education—W. H. James.
Prohibition—W. W. Furr.
Ministerial Relief—S. G. Pope.
Family Worship—L. S. McKinney.
B. Y. P. U.—Mrs. I. D. Stewart.
W. M. U.—Mrs. L. L. Posey.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The ninety-ninth Annual session of the Union Association convened with Pleasant Hill Baptist Church October 19, 1919.

After singing and prayer, the Moderator called the body to order.

W. W. Furr was elected Clerk pro tem. S. R. Young and W. O. Case were appointed Reading Clerks.

Letters from the following churches were read and delegates enrolled:

Antioch—Thomas U. Bufkin, Hobson Bishop.

Beech Grove—John Barland, E. M. Jorden, C. Y. Young.

Brushy Fork—R. O. Bailess, Oscar Dunigan.

Bethesda—Kellia Kinsley, Allen Nevels.

Elmo—J. G. Case, Mrs. J. G. Case, W. M. Ezell.

Fayette—W. K. Ritchie, Mrs. W. K. Ritchie, Mrs. Ann Stewart, Mrs. L. L. Posey, L. L. Posey.

Fellowship—No Letter.

Hermanville—

Martin—S. R. Young.

New Providence—G. L. Hartley, Lowry Mullins.

Piedmot—Isaac Posey, Bertie Cupit.

Pleasant Hill—F. H. Varnado, H. H. Simmons, W. W. Furr, R. Y. Thetford.

Port Gibson—Dr. J. V. May, D. W. Clark.

Unity—No Representative.

On motion by S. R. Young, the rules were suspended and the present officers were elected as follows: L. L. Posey, Moderator; W. W. Furr, Clerk; C. L. Young, Treasurer.

Call for visiting messengers: Bro. Drummond from Columbia.

The Report on Family Worship was read by W. W. Furr and discussed by W. W. Furr, Dr. Grafton, Bro. Drummond, and adopted.

REPORT ON FAMILY WORSHIP.

Family Worship is a service that every home ought to establish. To read a portion of God's Word and thank God for his care and blessings through the day. It is here where we can bear fruit for the Master. It is here where deep and lasting impressions are brought to bear on the child's mind. It is here where father, mother and children can read and talk about God's Word and thereby gain strength.

Your committee is aware this duty is very much neglected. We would urge each home to have this service and enjoy the blessings the Lord has in store for them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FURR.

Report on W. M. U. in absence of Mrs. L. L. Posey, the report was read by S. R. Young, discussed by T. J. Barksdale, L. L. Posey, and adopted.

REPORT OF W. M. U.

We have at present five societies for women and one for Sunbeam Band. As much of the work done by these societies has not been reported to me, any statistical report that I could give, would be incomplete and I shall therefore give olny a general re port.

We have given money to all causes which Baptists support. Sent boxes to preachers, Widows, Training Schools, Hospitals and Orphaanges, and done much per? sonal service work.

The Home and Foreign Field , Royal Service Magazine and Baptist Record are read in our homes and meetings. Mission and Bible Study classes have been held and two societies attended the B. Y. P. U. Encampment at Hattiesburg and completed one of the books of the Mission Study course while there.

Our women are standing more along definite lines than ever before. We feel encouraged to believe that within the next few months a number will hold W. M. U. certificates, and that other study classes will be organized.

Four delegates representing two societies attended the State W. M. U. Convention. Three delegates from the societies and two from the Sunbeam Band attended the W. M. U. District meeting.

We held our associational meeting at Fayette in June. Our District Vice-President, Mrs. R. L. Bunyard, was with us on that occasion. Our next regular meeting will be held in March or April 1920.

It is our hope and purpose to organize during the month of October and November a Woman's Society in each church where there is none and at least one auxiliary for the purpose of giving definite Missionary Training to our children and young people in each church in the association.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. L. L. POSEY.
Associational Supt,

Adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association reassembled at the appoitned hour. After song and prayer by T. J. Barksdale, the Moderator announced that we were ready for business.

The Finance Committee was appointed: C. L. Young, R. L. Thedford.

The Committee on Nomination was appointed: H. H. Simmons, W. O. Case and Isaac Posey.

Reading of church letters continued.

Report on Prohibition read by L. L. Posey, discussed by L. L. Posey, Dr. Grafton, T. J. Barksdale, S. R. Young, and adopted.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

In the past we have had to deal with Liquor from its many angles. Today this is not true. Many of the cords which have brought in wholesale from the awful Foun-

tain-head of Liquor Interests into every nook and corner of the earth, have been cut. State-wide prohibition barred the saloon in many states and other states, were ready to follow. Then came nation-wide prohibition, which is soon to take place as one of the best pieces of Legislation ever incorporated into our organic laws. The enforcement of this law practically eliminates the Tiger. He has been literally chased to his dive, captured and executed completely, consequetly there is only one task left for us, and that task is great; stop the manufacturing of liquor. The fight is already on, led by our highest and best Govermental officials. Mr. Wilson, the House and Senate, or a majority of each, are already committed to this work and now is the time for us to get behind the Government when our people learn who the brewing people are and by what spirit they are animated. They no longer hesitate to spare their means and time and make whatever sacrifices that are necessary to bind hand and foot this awful prey upon humanity.

Many of the recent investigations made by our Government show that large amounts of money were subscribed and paid in to the representatives of the liquor interests and aided in the purchase of newspapers to fight Prohibition—were connected with the acts of enemy agetns at the organization and societies which have been traced directly to German inspiration. Let us go tell those who do not know that this succor hindered our Government in its holy fight against the manufacture of alcohol, the arch enemy of our race and nation.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. POSEY.

Adjourned to meet 10 a. m., the Association to meet at 8 p. m. and S. G. Pope to preach the Associational sermon. Heb. 11, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

SECOND DAY MORNING SESSION.

Called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Pope. Song, "Love Lifted Me." Roll Call of churches.

Letter of Brushy Fork church read by S. R. Young. Call for reports.

Report on Orphanage by Rev. S. B. Young. Adopted as read.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE REPORT.

Our Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Mississippi is an institution that should appeal to the best that is in every child of God. It meets a need that has long been felt by Christian people. Through all the ages God's people have been urged to take special care of the widow and the orphan and have been warned of the dangers that may befall them if they neglect to hear the cry of the orphan child. It was Jesus who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." James gives it as the evidence of pure and undefiled religion to visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction.

Our people have stood by our Orphanage nobly and have made it possible for the Orphanage to give food and shelter and schooling and training to more than eight hundred children. Many of these have already gone out to fill positions of usefulness and to make good citizens and useful Christian workers.

We would remind our people of the necessity of an increase in their contribution to the Orphanage in order that we may meet the additional cost of living. Let our women continue to send boxes of clothing as heretofore and the members of the canning clubs send all kinds of canned goods as they did last year. Let our people generally contribute produce of all kinds to the free cars which we hope to procure. We would recommend that our Sunday Schools give monthly to the Orphanage and that our people make special prayers for the Orphanage and its management.

Respectfully submitted,
S. R. YOUNG.
Committee.

Report of Missions read by Bro. Pope. Moved and seconded that this report be added as supplementary to Bro. James' Report on Missions.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The events of the last two years have in a peculiar way placed new emphasis upon Missions and made a large program for it. This nation has, in the eyes of the world, assumed large responsibility for the welfare of other nations. It has at last learned that it must not live unto itself and has taken its international duty seriously. Last year this sense of duty was expressed in arms and ammunition. The war camps and the front lines were the focal points of the national consciense. National patriotism bloomed into international altruism. We commanded the praise of the world by the heroics of our war funds and the decisive way in which the nation rose to its realization and discharge of its mission. The accent has changed now and is more distinctly Christian and falls more directly upon the churches. By the achievement of our arms new obligations rolled into view. The war has immeasurably enlarged the international duty of American Christians. Evangelical missions again take first place among the things which constitute the mission of this nation, illuminated and enforced by the incidents and results of the war. Not guns and soldiers now, but the gospel and missionaries are the means and agencies through which we must render our service to other nations. The billions which have been spent to democratize the world will prove a poor investment if we fail to evangelize. When we acknowledged our international duty by contributing billions to prosecute the war for democracy, we committed ourselves to an unprecedented program for Foreign Missions backed by men and money to take it to victory.

Look any way you may and you will find the conditions in any nation of the earth and the lesson is plain and the same everywhere that condition to which the finger of God's providence points invest the whole world field with a new missionary significance. Duty calls and opportunity invites in every land where we have established new international relationships or promoted greater personal freedom. Foreign Missions become in such an hour the Supreme Mission of American Christians. The discharge of war duties has created Foreign Mission duties. If what we have done justified what it cost and the great scale upon which we went at it and the new responsibilities which the war has left on our

hands make demands upon us which are just as imperious as were the claims of war and require of us a similar benevolence, energy and sacrifice. Our international duty did not cease with the signing of the Armistice, it only changed its character. The war has increased the world's need for the gospel. Men will be hurt by their liberties which we have won for them if they are not taught to fear God. The lifting of the external restraints of autocracy necessitates the creation of the internal restraints of the gospel and the Grace of God. If we are not quick to supply the liberated nations with the gospel, society will be a chaos and human life a terror in some of the nations which were affected by the part we took in the great war. Having won to the world the privilege of democracy, we must through evangelization turn this liberty into democracy for which we fought. The increase, the care and the equipment of our missionaries now assume the importance of the enlistment and the care and equipment of our soldiers held last year. We will render unto God the things that God's as promptly and as completely as we would render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's.

Recognizing these stern realities, Southern Baptists have launched a movement to raise for Kingdom objects during the next five years seventy-five million of dollars. To achieve this victory some of our wisest and most devout leaders, by authority of the Southern Baptist Convention, have suggested to us an admirable scheme of organization.

With this task before us, your committee would recommend:

1. That each church in our association cheerfully accept the quota assigned it by our State Convention Board;
2. That each church accept and vigorously execute the plan of organization suggested by the Southern Baptist Convention;
3. That no church open a campaign for local expenses or other causes before the close of Victory Week in December.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. JAMES,
Chairman.

All reports thrown open for discussion and Bro. Young spoke first on Orphanage and $75,000,000 Campaign in General. Discussion by Mrs. R. L. Bunyan, on $75,000,000 drive. Miss Traylor discusses the $75,000,000 Campaign.

Song, Millions for the Master."

Discussion by Rev. Pope, on $75,000,000 Campaign.

Adjourned for dinner to meet at 2:05 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at the appointed hour.

Song and prayer by W. H. James.

Committee on Finance read the report which was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the Finance Committee beg leave to report as follws:

For general expense	$77 07
For Missions	6 00
Total	$83 07

We recommend that the Clerk's fee be paid out of general fund and that he be allowed $20.00 for his services.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. THEDFORD,
C. L. YOUNG,
Treasurer.

The report on Nomination read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

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Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Union Baptist Association: I beg to make report on finance of association as follows:

Received from Fnance Committee State Missions	$ 22 77
General Expenses	55 27
Orphanage	16 45
Ministerial Relief	14 81
Total	$109 30

Disbursements.

Paid J. B. Lawrence	$ 54 03
Printing of Minutes	26 70
Clerk fee and Postage	20 75
Due H. H. Crisler on Minutes for 1915	2 00
Balance in Treasury	5 82
Total	$109 30

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. YOUNG, Treas.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by J. V. May, discussed by J. V. May, Mrs. R. L. Brinson, L. L. Posey and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Sunday School is the work shop of the church; and is generally a good index as to how much alive the church is.

In this day and time most of the Bible teaching is done by the Sunday School; hence, the importance of each church maintaining an active Sunday School if they would have their people informed on the Bible as they should be. We are so poorly informed; we should know more of the Bible and Baptist Doctrine.

As Superintendent or teacher, you have a great opportunity to render your community a great and lasting service.

Your opportunity is next to the Pastor.

J. V. MAY,
Committee.

Bro. Drummond discussed the 75 Million Campaign.

The report on Hospitality was read by S. G. Pope and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved that we, the Messengers to the Union Association, express our sincere thanks to the people of Pleasant Hill church and community for their generous hospitality to us during our stay in their midst.

S. G. POPE and others.

Adjourned to meet with Antioch church Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October 1920.

L. L. POSEY,
Moderator.

W. W. FURR,
Clerk.

OUR DEAD.

Antioch—A. G. Bishop, Sr.
Bethesda—J. S. Dennis.
Beech Grove—J. W. Fife Eliza Jones.
Pleasant Hill—Sam Stricland, Mrs. W. H. Thetford.
Fayette—Miss Edna Buchannan.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

Churches	Increase				De-crease			Total	Present Membership
	By Letter	By Restoration	By Baptism	Total	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death		
Antioch	--	--	--	68	--	--	1	--	67
Beech Grove	--	3	3	6	3	2	2	7	109
Brushy Fork	--	--	--	--	2	--	2	--	28
Bethesda	--	--	8	--	--	29	1	30	48
Elmo	--	--	1	1	--	--		--	79
Fayette	4	--	--	--	6	--	1	--	49
Hermanville	3	--	--	3	5	--	2	7	138
New Providence	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	17
Piedmont	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	64
Pleasant Hill	7	--	6	13	19	--	2	2	208
Port Gibson	4	--	1	5	5	--	--	5	66

No letter from following;

Center Chapel,
Fellowship
Martin,
Red Lick,
Rodney,
Unity

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES.

Churches	Pastors and Postoffice.	Clerks and Postoffice.	S. S. Supt. and Postoffice
Antioch	J. H. Purser, Carpenter	D. H. Bishop, Glancy	
Beech Grove	W. H. James, Allen	C. Z. Young, Violet	
Brushy Fork	J. H. Purser, Carpenter	R. B. Greenlee, Conn	
Bethesda	R. E. Weeks, Meadville	Allen Nevels, McNair	
Center Chapel			
Elmo	Ben Garrett, Gena, La.	A. E. Thompson, Perth	J. A. Dorsey, Oldenburg
Fayette		L. L. Posey, Fayette	L. L. Posey, Fayette
Fellowship			
Hermanville	S. G. Pope, Hermanville	S. G. Dudley, Hermanville	
Martin			
New Providence	S. R. Young, Patterson	F. M. Davis, Allen	
Piedmont	R. E. Weeks, Meadville	Isaac Posey, Union Church	
Pleasant Hill	W. H. James, Allen	W. W. Furr, Allen	L. S. McKinney, Allen
Port Gibson		D. W. Clark, Port Gibson	Dr. J. V. May, Port Gibson
Red Lick			
Rodney			
Unity			

Secretaries of Sunday Schools: Elmo, Amy Austin, Perth; Pleasant Hill, Gertie Barksdale, Allen; Port Gibson, J. M. Webb, Port Gibson.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Churches	Associational Purposes	Visiting Ministers	Pastor's Salary	Building Repairs	Sunday School Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Orphanage	Hospitals	Other Objects	Value of Church Property	B. Y. P. U.	W. M. U.
Antioch	$1 50	$25 50	$75 00			$13 55	$11 85			$1 05	$2 03		$8 00	$600 00		
Beech Grove	5 00	23 30	200 00	4 00			15 00		6 70				8 59	790 00	6 62	
Brushy Fork	2 50		75 00				3 50							600 00		
Bethesda	5 75	25 00	100 00				2 00	3 23						410 00		
Elmo	12 07	39 43	200 00											800 00		
Fayette	5 00	8 00	400 00				8 10		100 00		4 50		361 47			6 00
Hermanville	10 00		711 35			64 10	53 99	64 08		4 12	24 59	16 35		3000 00		
New Providence	4 75		75 00			6 76	19 38	19 38						1200 00		
Piedmont		24 50	125 00			19 00	10 75							800 00		
Pleasant Hill	10 00	75 00	450 00		24 00								797 27	2000 00		24 50
Port Gibson	3 00		600 00		40 00								15 00	200 00		500 00

No letter from Center Chapel, Fellowship Martin, Red Lick and Rodney.

Contributions on Budget Plan: Elmo $25.35, Fayette $75.00, Pleasant Hill $156.96, Port Gibson $100.00.

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